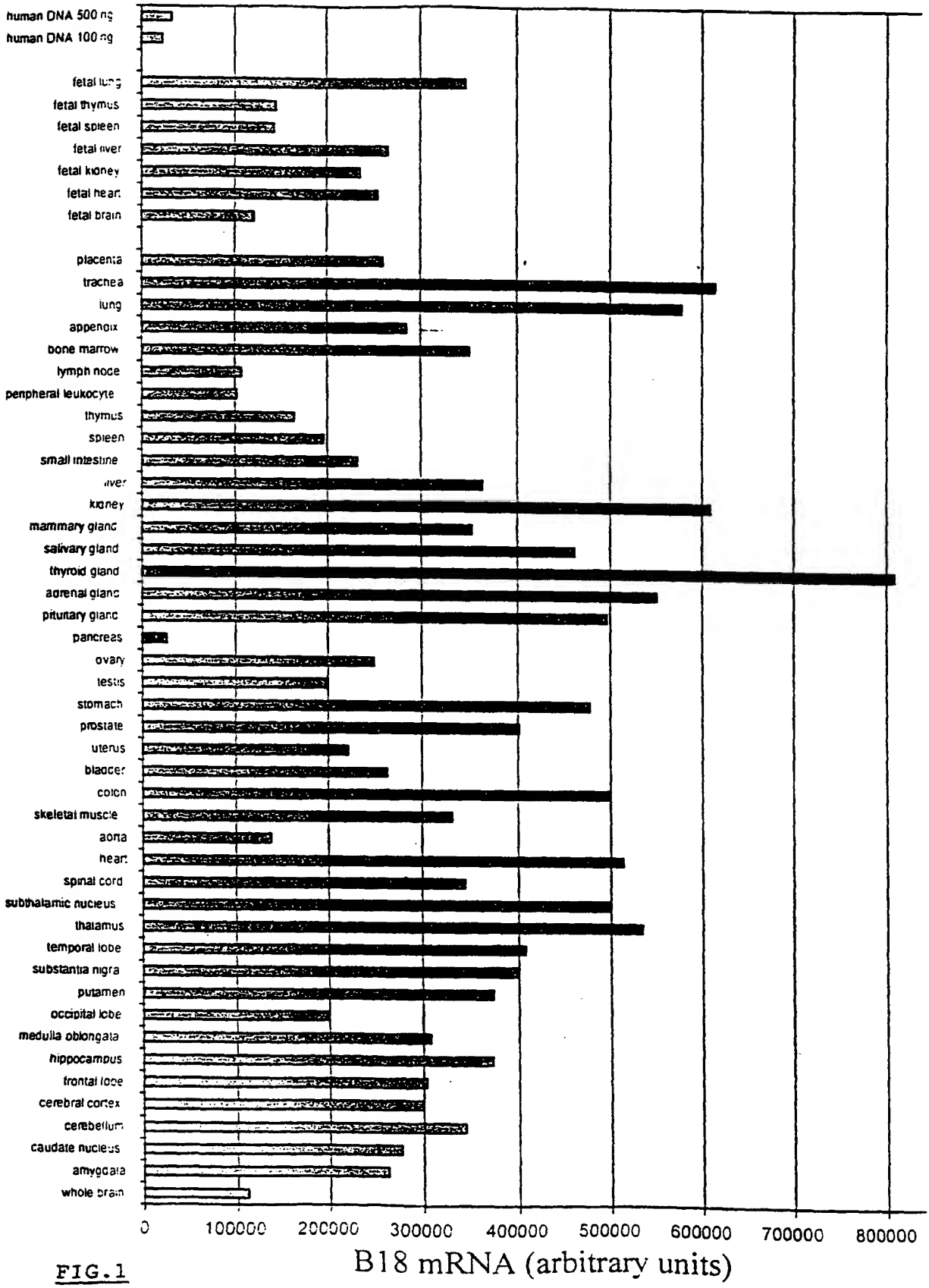
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human DNA 100 ng
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fetal spleen
fetal liver
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bone marrow
lymph node
penpheral leukocyte
thymus
spleen
small intestine
liver
kidney
mammary gland
salivary gland
thyroid gland
adrenal gland
pituitary gland
pancreas
ovary
testis
stomach
prostate
uterus
bladder
colon
skeletal muscle
aorta
heart
spinal cord
subthalamic nucleus
thalamus
temporal lobe
substantia nigra
putamen
occipital lobe
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frontal lobe
cerebral cortex
cerebellum
caudate nucleus
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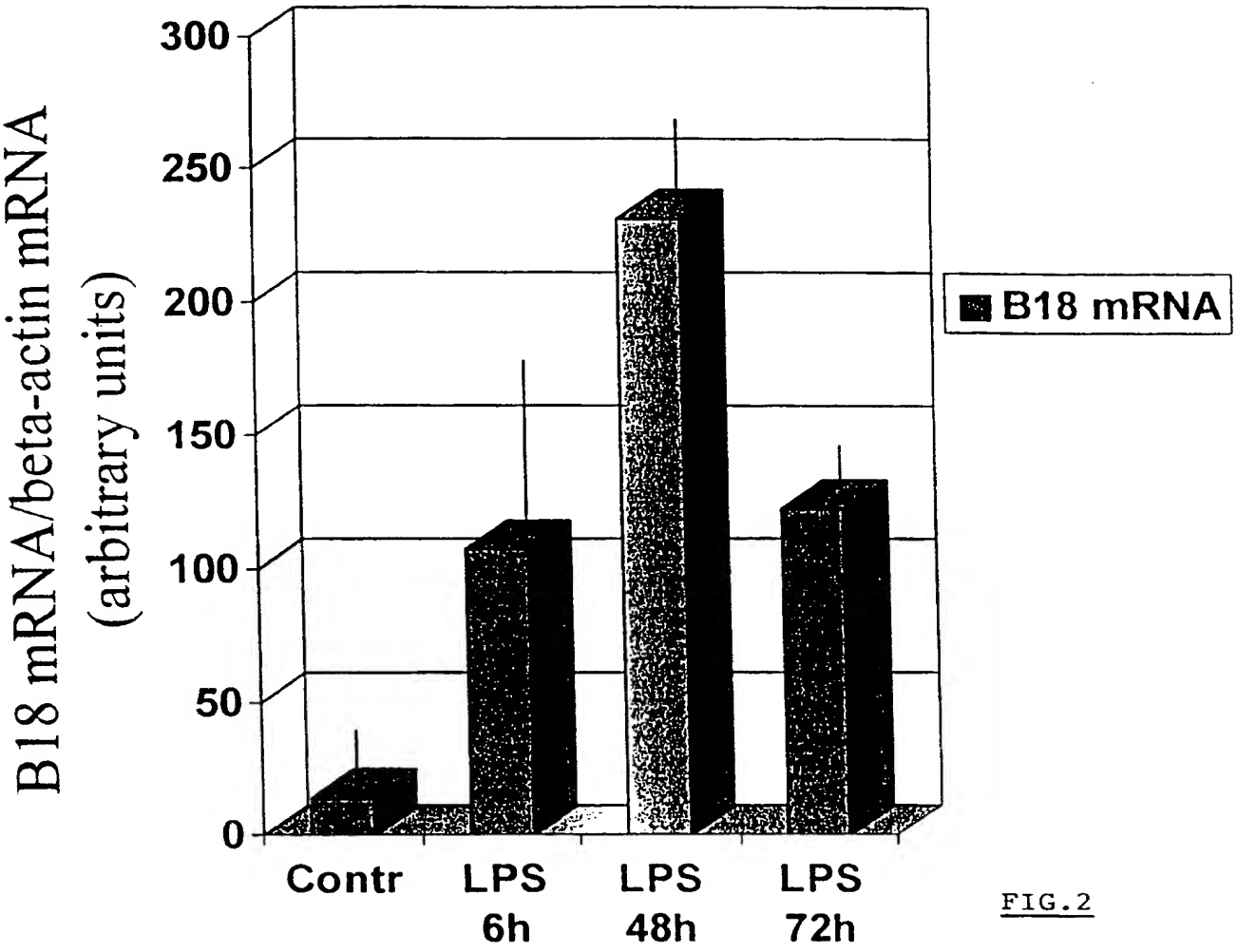
FIG.1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(arbitrary units)
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B18 mRNA

FIG.2

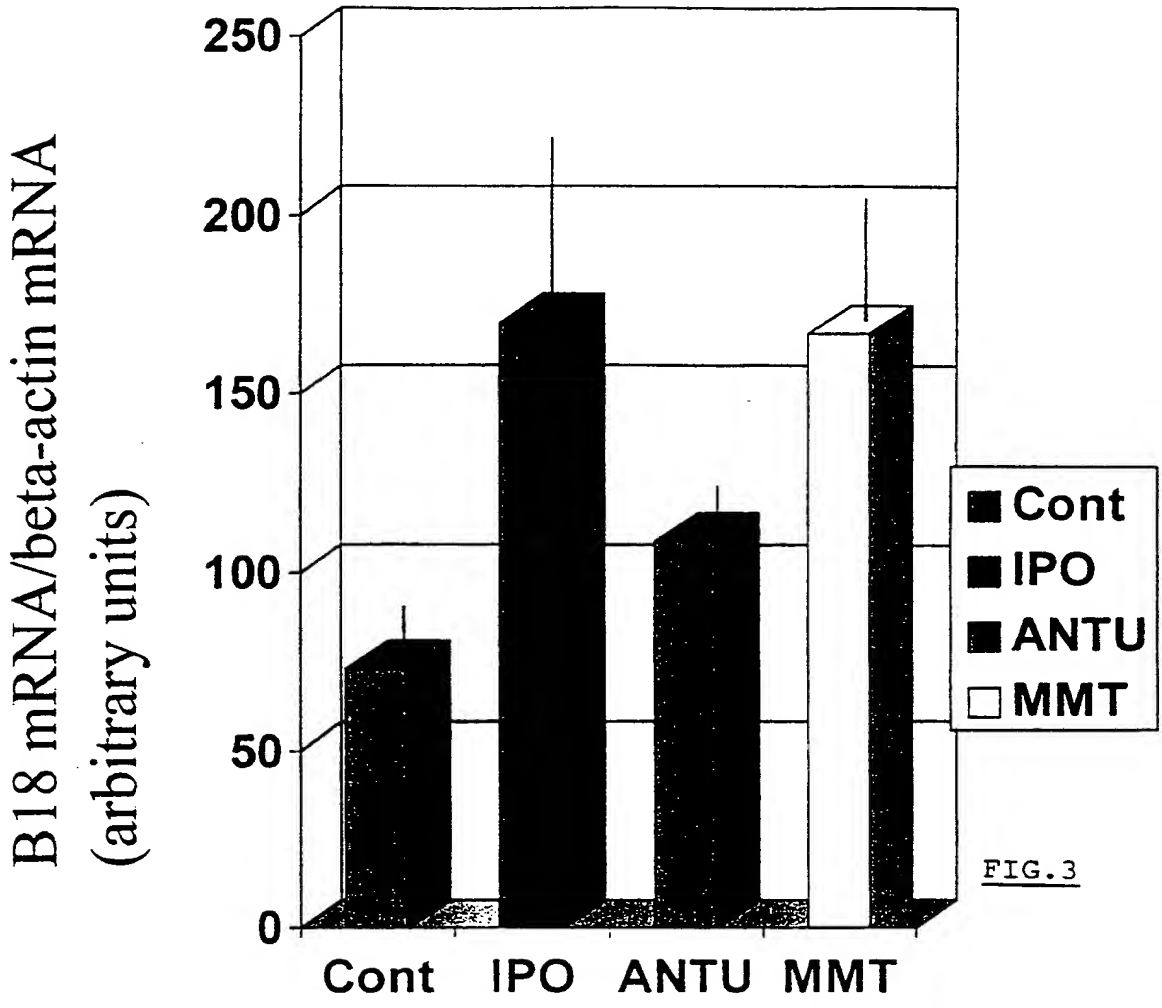
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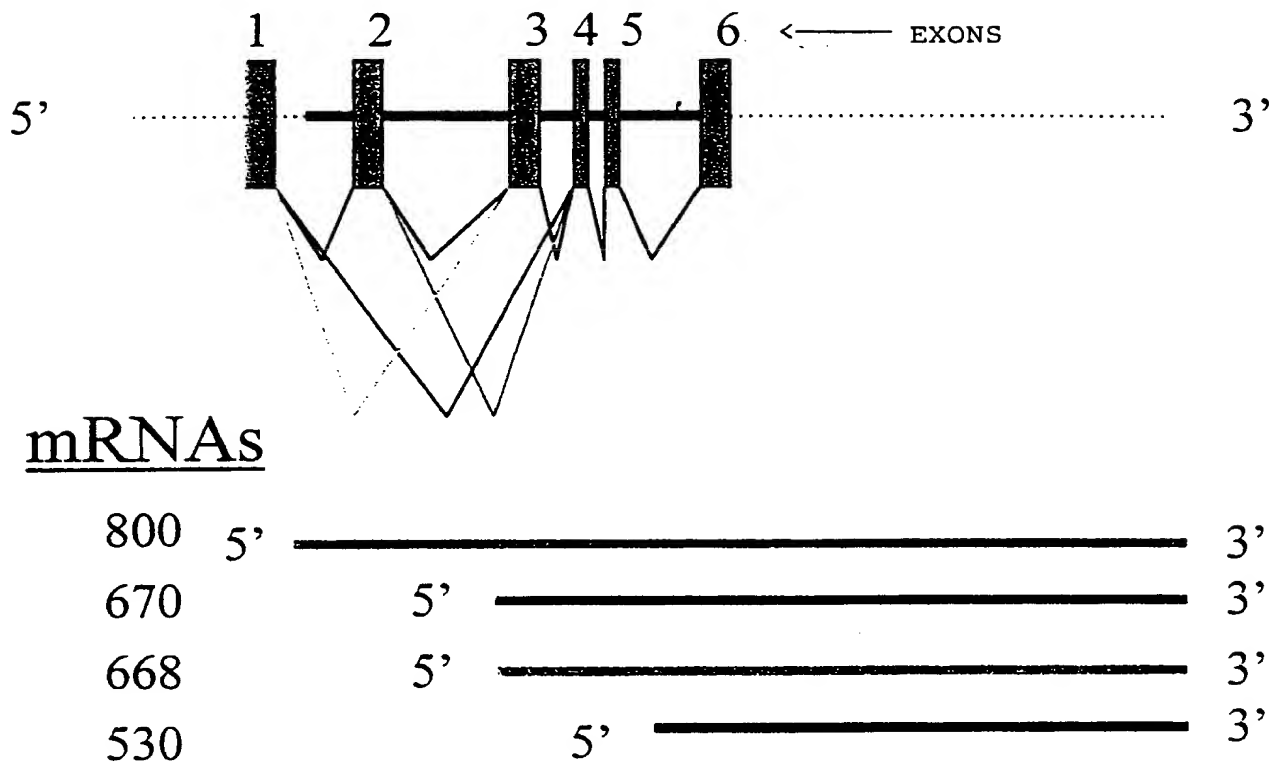
FIG.3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A.O.
PRX
17 kDa
12.3 kDa
12.3 kDa
7.7 kDa

FIG.4

CLUSTAL V alignment of human and rat B18 amino acid sequences (Identity: 90%, Homology: 97.5%):

```
B18hum      MAPIKVGDAIPAVEVFEGEPGNKVNLAELFKGKKGVLFGVPGAFTPGCSK = SEQIDNO1
B18rat      MAPIKVGDTIPSVEVFEGEPGKKVNLAELFKDKKGVLFGVPGAFTPGCSK
            ********.**.*********.*********.******************

B18hum      THLPGFVEQAEALKAKGVQVVACLSVNDAFVTGEWGRAHKAEGKVRLLAD
B18rat      THLPGFVEQAGALKAKGAQVVACLSVNDVFVTAEWGRAHQAEGKVQLLAD
            ********** ****** ********** ***.******.*****.****

B18hum      PTGAFGKETDLLLDDSLVSIFGNRRLKRFSMVVQDGIVKALNVEPDGTGL
B18rat      PTGAFGKETDLLLDDSLVSLFGNRRLKRFSMVIDKGVVKALNVEPDGTGL
            ******************.************.. *.**************

B18hum      TCSLAPNIISQL
B18rat      TCSLAPNILSQL
            ********.***
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FIG.5a

CLUSTAL V alignment of human and mouse B18 amino acid sequences (Identity: 91%, Homology: 96%):

```
B18hum      MAPIKVGDAIPAVEVFEGEPGNKVNLAELFKGKKGVLFGVPGAFTPGCSK
B18mouse    MAPIKVGDAIPSVEVFEGEPGKKVNLAELFKGKKGVLFGVPGAFTPGCSK
            ***********.*********.****************************

B18hum      THLPGFVEQAEALKAKGVQVVACLSVNDAFVTGEWGRAHKAEGKVRLLAD
B18mouse    THLPGFVEQAGALKAKGAQVVACLSVNDVFVIEEWGRAHQAEGKVRLLAD
            ********** ****** ********** **  ******.**********

B18hum      PTGAFGKETDLLLDDSLVSIFGNRRLKRFSMVVQDGIVKALNVEPDGTGL
B18mouse    PTGAFGKATDLLLDDSLVSLFGNRRLKRFSMVIDNGIVKALNVEPDGTGL
            ******* **********.************...***************

B18hum      TCSLAPNIISQL
B18mouse    TCSLAPNILSQL
            ********.***
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CLUSTAL V alignment of human and rat cDNA sequences (identity: 612/780, 78.5%):

```
B18hum      GCCAGGAGGCGGAGTGGAAGTGGCCGTGGGGCGGGTATGGGACTAGCTGG
B18rat      --------------TG--------CGTC--------------CTAGGCAG
                          **        ***               ****   *

B18hum      CGTGTGCGCCCTGAGACGCTCAGCGGGCTATATACTCGTCGGTGGGGCCG
B18rat      CATA---GCC---GGA---TCGGTGCTCCGTGCATCGGCTACTTGGAC--
            * *    ***    **   ** * *  *  *  *   *    * ** *

B18hum      GCGGTCAGTCTGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAAGACGGTGCAGTGAAGGAGAGTGG
B18rat      -------GTGCGTGGCAGGCAGAGCAGGCCGG---AAAGGAGCAGGTTGG
                  **  * *****    **** * ***   *  * ** **  ***
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FIG.5b

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B18hum      GCGTCTGGCGGGGTCCGCAGTTTCAGCAGAGCCGCTGCAGCCATGGCCCC
B18rat      GAGTGTGGTGGGGCCCGCAGCTTCAGCAGTGCCGCGGTGACTATGGCCCC
            * ** *** **** ****** ******** ***** *   * ********

B18hum      AATCAAGGTGGGAGATGCCATCCCAGCAGTGGAGGTGTTTGAAGGGGAGC
B18rat      GATCAAGGTGGGAGACACCATTCCCTCAGTGGAGGTATTTGAAGGGGAAC
             ************** **** **  ********** ********** *

B18hum      CAGGGAACAAGGTGAACCTGGCAGAGCTGTTCAAGGGCAAGAAGGGTGTG
B18rat      CTGGAAAGAAGGTGAACTTGGCAGAGCTGTTCAAGGACAAGAAAGGTGTT
            * ** ** ********* ****************** ****** *****

B18hum      CTGTTTGGAGTTCCTGGGGCCTTCACCCCTGGATGTTCCAAGACACACCT
B18rat      TTGTTTGGAGTCCCTGGGGCATTTACACCTGGCTGTTCCAAGACCCATCT
             ********** ******** ** ** ***** ********** ** **

B18hum      GCCAGGGTTTGTGGAGCAGGCTGAGGCTCTGAAGGCCAAGGGAGTCCAGG
B18rat      GCCTGGGTTTGTGGAGCAAGCCGGAGCTCTGAAGGCCAAGGGAGCACAAG
            *** ************** ** *  ******************  ** *

B18hum      TGGTGGCCTGTCTGAGTGTTAATGATGCCTTTGTGACTGGCGAGTGGGGC
B18rat      TGGTGGCCTGTCTGAGTGTTAATGATGTCTTCGTGACTGCAGAGTGGGGT
            ***************************** *** *******  ********

B18hum      CGAGCCCACAAGGCGGAAGGCAAGGTTCGGCTCCTGGCTGATCCCACTGG
B18rat      CGAGCCCACCAGGCAGAAGGCAAGGTTCAGCTCCTGGCTGACCCCACTGG
            ********* **** ************* ************ ********

B18hum      GGCCTTTGGGAAGGAGACAGACTTATTACTAGATGATTCGCTGGTGTCCA
B18rat      AGCTTTTGGAAAGGAGACAGATTTACTACTAGATGATTCTTTGGTGTCTC
             ** ***** ********** *** ************  *******

B18hum      TCTTTGGGAATCGACGTCTCAAGAGGTTCTCCATGGTGGTACAGGATGGC
B18rat      TCTTTGGGAATCGTCGGCTAAAAAGGTTCTCCATGGTGATAGACAAGGGC
            ************* ** ** ** *************** ** *  * ***

B18hum      ATAGTGAAGGCCCTGAATGTGGAACCAGATGGCACAGGCCTCACCTGCAG
B18rat      GTAGTAAAGGCACTGAACGTGGAGCCGGATGGCACAGGCCTCACCTGCAG
             **** ***** ***** ***** ** ************************

B18hum      CCTGGCACCCAATATCATCTCACAGCTCTGAGGCCCTGGGCCAGATTACT
B18rat      CCTGGCCCCCAACATCCTCTCACAACTCTGAGGCCCTGA-CCAGA--ATG
            ****** ***** *** ******* *************  *****  *

B18hum      TCCTCCACCCCTCCCTATCTCACCTGCCCAGCCCTGTGCTGG-GGCCCTG
B18rat      TCCTCTGACTCTCCC-ATCTCCTCCACCCAGCTCTGGGCCAAAGGCCCAG
            *****   * ***** *****  *  ****** *** **    ***** *

B18hum      CA------------------ATTGGAATG-----TTGGCCAGATTTCTGC
B18rat      TACCTCCTTACCTGAGGGCCACTGGAATGGAACCTTGACAATATTTCTGC
             *                   * *******     *** * * ********

B18hum      AATAAACACTTGTGGTTTGCGGAAAAAAA----------
B18rat      AATAAACAGTT-TAATTTGTGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
            ******** ** *  **** * *******
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CLUSTAL V alignment of human and mouse cDNA sequences (Identity: 552/675, 81.8%):

FIG.5c

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B18hum      GCCAGGAGGCGGAGTGGAAGTGGCCGTGGGGCGGGTATGGGACTAGCTGG
B18mouse    ---------------------------------------------------

B18hum      CGTGTGCGCCCTGAGACGCTCAGCGGGCTATATACTCGTCGGTGGGGCCG
B18mouse    ----------------TGCTCCGTG-----------CATCGACGTGCTTG
                            **** * *           * ***  * *   *

B18hum      GCGGTCAGTCTGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAAGACGGTGCAGTGAAGGAGAGTGG
B18mouse    GCAGGCAG--------------AGCAGGCCGG---AAAGAAGCAGGTTGG
            ** * ***               **** * ***   *  **** **  ***

B18hum      GCGTCTGGCGGGGTCCGCAGTTTCAGCAGAGCCGCTGCAGCCATGGCCCC
B18mouse    GAGTGTGGCGGAGCCCGCAGCTTCAGCAGCTCCGCGGTGACCATGGCCCC
            * ** ****** * ****** ********  **** *  **********

B18hum      AATCAAGGTGGGAGATGCCATCCCAGCAGTGGAGGTGTTTGAAGGGGAGC
B18mouse    GATCAAGGTGGGAGATGCCATTCCCTCAGTGGAGGTATTTGAAGGGGAAC
             ******************** **  ********** ********** *

B18hum      CAGGGAACAAGGTGAACCTGGCAGAGCTGTTCAAGGGCAAGAAGGGTGTG
B18mouse    CGGGAAAGAAGGTGAACTTGGCAGAGCTGTTCAAGGGCAAGAAAGGTGTT
            * ** ** ********* ************************* *****

B18hum      CTGTTTGGAGTTCCTGGGGCCTTCACCCCTGGATGTTCCAAGACACACCT
B18mouse    TTGTTTGGAGTCCCTGGGGCATTTACACCTGGCTGTTCTAAGACCCACCT
             ********** ******** ** ** ***** ***** ***** *****

B18hum      GCCAGGGTTTGTGGAGCAGGCTGAGGCTCTGAAGGCCAAGGGAGTCCAGG
B18mouse    GCCTGGGTTTGTGGAGCAAGCTGGAGCTCTGAAGGCTAAGGGAGCGCAGG
            *** ************** ****  ********** *******  ****

B18hum      TGGTGGCCTGTCTGAGTGTTAATGATGCCTTTGTGACTGGCGAGTGGGGC
B18mouse    TGGTGGCCTGTCTGAGCGTTAATGACGTCTTTGTGATTGAAGAGTGGGGT
            ***************** ******** * ******** **  ********

B18hum      CGAGCCCACAAGGCGGAAGGCAAGGTTCGGCTCCTGGCTGATCCCACTGG
B18mouse    CGAGCCCACCAGGCAGAAGGCAAGGTTCGGCTCCTGGCTGACCCCACTGG
            ********* **** ************************** ********

B18hum      GGCCTTTGGGAAGGAGACAGACTTATTACTAGATGATTCGCTGGTGTCCA
B18mouse    AGCCTTTGGGAAGGCGACAGACTTATTATTGGATGATTCTTTGGTGTCTC
             ************ ************ * ********  *******

B18hum      TCTTTGGGAATCGACGTCTCAAGAGGTTCTCCATGGTGGTACAGGATGGC
B18mouse    TCTTTGGGAATCGTCGGCTGAAAAGGTTCTCCATGGTGATAGACAACGGC
            ************ ** ** ** ************** ** *  * ***

B18hum      ATAGTGAAGGCCCTGAATGTGGAACCAGATGGCACAGGCCTCACCTGCAG
B18mouse    ATAGTGAAGGCACTGAACGTGGAGCCAGATGGCACAGGCCTCACCTGCAG
            *********** ***** ***** ***************************

B18hum      CCTGGCACCCAATATCATCTCACAGCTCTGAGGCCCTGGGCCAGATTACT
B18mouse    CCTGGCCCCCAACATCCTCTCCCAACTCTGAGGCCCTGG-CCAGATG---
            ****** ***** *** **** ** ************** ******

B18hum      TCCTCCACCCCTCCCTATCTCACCTGCCCAGCCCTGTGCTGGGGCCCTGC
B18mouse    TCCTCTGACTCTCCC-ATCTCTCCCACCCGGCTCT------AGGCC----
            *****   * ***** ***** **  *** ** **       ****

B18hum      AATTGGAATGTTGGCCAGATTTCTGCAATAAACACTTGTGGTTTGCGGAA
B18mouse    ----AAAAGGCTCGGTACCTCCTTACTGGGAGC-CACGT-----------
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